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REF: MOSCOW 19007 AND NILES/UNKOVIC TELECON

1. HYDROMET'S KUVSHINNIKOV CONFIRMED THAT NEW DATES (FEBRUARY 17 21) PROPOSED BY COMMERCE FOR MOSCOW SEMINAR ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET SIDE.
2. KUVSHINNIKOV ALSO DELIVERED LETTER DATED DECEMBER 31 FROM HYDROMET DIRECTOR IZRAEL TO BOWDEN, INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. BOWDEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER SUGGESTING THE ORGANIZATION IN THE SOVIET UNION OF A SERIES OF LECTURES, DEVOTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY IN THE FIELD OF PRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION. I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE

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SOVIET SIDE OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON COOPERATION IN

THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THIS PROPOSAL. AS YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, THE CARRYING OUT OF SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS INCLUDED IN THE PLANS FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR 1975, AND WAS NOTED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH WAS HELD IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 9-12, 1974. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE PROPOSES THAT THIS EVENT TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 17-21, 1975. WE ARE AGREEABLE TO THIS TIME-FRAME.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT CONTACTS ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS VISIT CAN BE MADE WITH HYDROMET, WHICH WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREPARE THE VISIT. AT PRESENT WE HAVE BEGUN CONSULTATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR SPECIALISTS IN MEETINGS WITH THE AMERICAN DELEGATION. AS FOR THE THEMES OF THE LECTURES, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THEIR MAJOR FOCUS SHOULD BE EQUIPMENT AND METHODS FOR THE ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY (INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, UTILIZATION, AND TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS).

OF THE PROBLEMS ENUMERATED IN YOUR LETTER, CONCERNING THE PREPARATION AND USE OF EQUIPMENT FOR TREATING WASTE WATER, WE WOULD AT THIS TIME LIKE TO SEE PRIORITY DEVOTED TO:

- CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY;
- PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY;
- URBAN SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS; AND
- ELECTRIC POWER PLANT THERMAL POLLUTION.

IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ENUMERATION OF POSSIBLE LECTURES AND REPORTS ON THE INDICATED THEMES, AND ALSO A LIST OF FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED ON THE AMERICAN DELEGATION. IF YOU SHOULD WISH TO ADD TO THE ABOVE LIST PROBLEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING, PLEASE INFORM US ABOUT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE WILL BE PLEASED TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES.

I WISH TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SHOWING INTEREST IN SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION. I AM HOPING FOR A FRUITFUL AND MUTUALLY USEFUL MEETING OF OUR SPECIALISTS. SINCERLY, YU. A. IZRAEL, DIRECTOR HYDROMET AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE JOINT
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SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. END TEXT.
ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO USDOC/BEWT/TPD/THOMPSON.

3. KUVSHINNIKOV COMMENTED THAT SOVIET SIDE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION THEME FOR THIS SEMINAR (ITEM #3 IN BOWDEN-IZRAEL LETTER).

4. EMBASSY WWOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST LIST OF
PARTICIPATING FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS AND TITLES OF REPORTS.
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